

WI-88

1845

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Tyaskin vicinity
Public worship

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: St. Mary's Episcopal Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-88

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
Religion

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition
1815-1870

4. Resource Type(s):

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-88

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North side of Nanticoke Road ___ not for publication

city, town Tyaskin ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

street & number c/o Reverend Norman Hancock telephone no.: 873-2250

city, town Tyaskin state and zip code Maryland 21865

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1976 ___ federal ☒ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church stands on the north side of Nanticoke Road (MD 349) between Cox's Corner and Bivalve in Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story gable roofed frame church faces south with the roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1845, the single-story frame church is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base of the roof.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. The window openings are flanked by vinyl shutters. The double front doors have shallow raised panels and are topped by a four-light transom. Piercing the upper gable end to light the balcony are two six-over-six sash windows.

The east and west sides are three bays across with six-over-six sash windows flanked by vinyl shutters. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice. A single flue brick stove stack rises through each side wall.

The north (rear) wall is defined by two nine-over-six sash windows on the first floor and a pair of six-over-six sash windows in the gable end. The edge to the roof is flush.

The interior has survived with a large portion of its second quarter of the nineteenth century finishes. Large square posts with chamfered corners and lamb's tongue stops rise in the middle of the building to support beaded edge tie beams. A balcony stretches across the south end. The walls are covered with vertical, tongue-and-groove beaded boards, and there is a vaulted board ceiling.

Surrounding the church on two sides is a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1845 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The building is eligible for listing in Category A, which identifies buildings that must be preserved for architectural and/or historical significance. St. Mary's Episcopal Church would also qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

¹ Federal Direct Tax Assessment, Particular List of Dwelling Houses, George Walter, 1798, Nanticoke Hundred, "Situated on the Road from the Head of Tiaskin to N. Point about one Mile below the Chappel..." Delmarva Research Center of History and Culture, Salisbury State University.

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TYASKIN DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

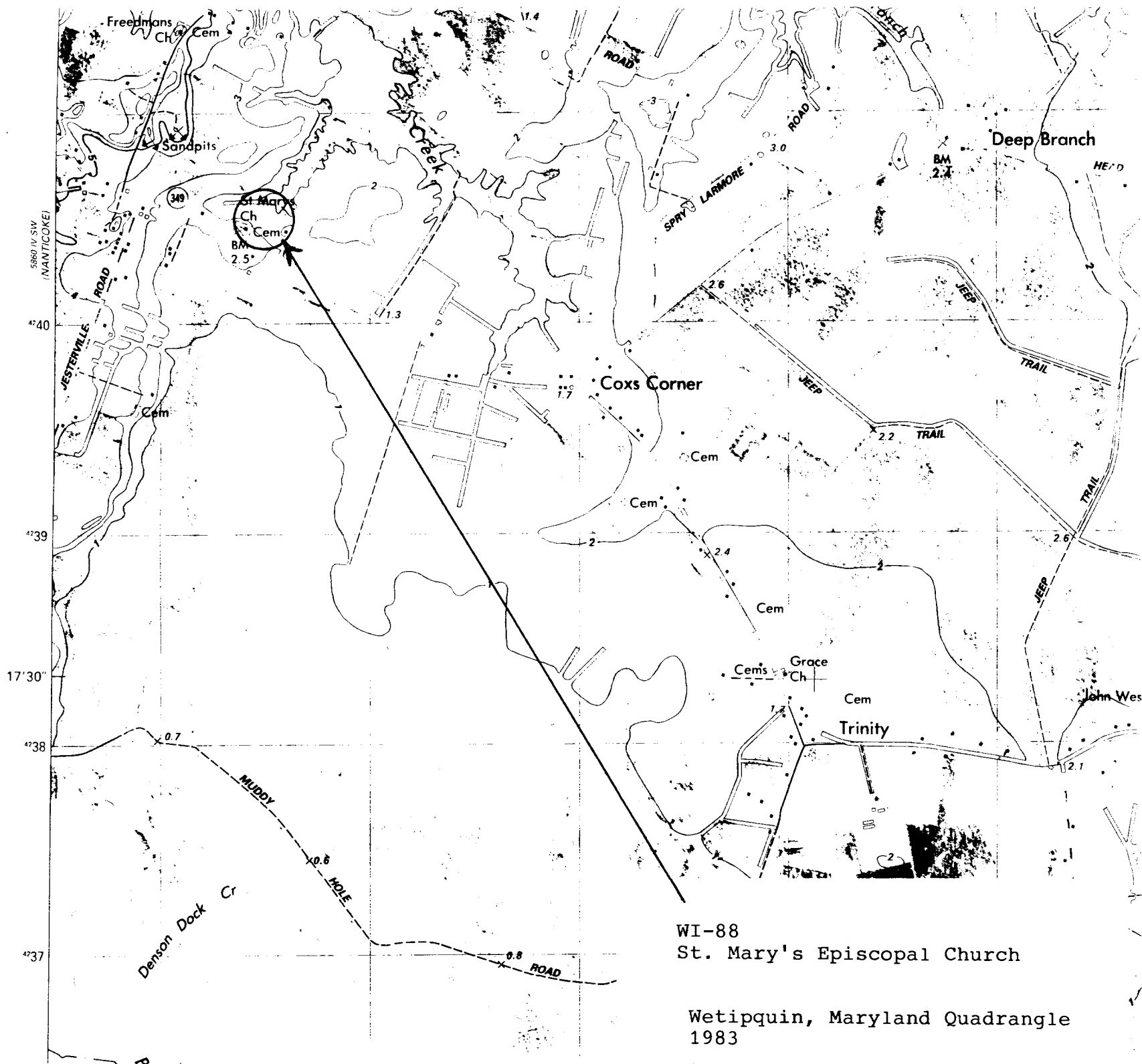
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Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
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